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FOR THE SECRETARY

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OVIP (VANCE, CYRUS R.)
SUBJECT: SECVISIT TO BEIRUT - PRESS SCENARIO

1. FOLLOWING IS SCENARIO FOR USE IN BRIEFING MEMBERS OF
TRAVELING PRESS ON ARRANGEMENTS IN BEIRUT:

12:00

ARRIVAL AT BEIRUT AIRPORT. PRESS WILL BE MET BY PUBLIC
AFFAIRS OFFICER BOULOS MALIK. PHOTO OPPORTUNITY (TRAVELING
PRESS CAN TAKE PICTURES BUT WILL NOT JOIN LOCAL AND INTER-
NATIONAL PRESS PREPOSITIONED ON GROUND).

12:05

PRESS BUS DEPARTS FOR PRESIDENTIAL PALACE.

12:30

ARRIVAL AT PRESIDENTIAL PALACE. PHOTO OPPORTUNITY. HONOR
GUARD AT PALACE ENTRANCE
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12:32

PRESS TO USE SIDE ENTRANCE. PHOTO OPPORTUNITY IN CONFERENCE
ROOM FOR PLENARY MEETING. PARTICIPANTS: SECRETARY AND MEMBERS
OF OFFICIAL PARTY, PLUS AMBASSADOR RICHARD PARKER; LEBANESE
PRIME MINISTER SALIM HOSS, FOREIGN MINISTER FUAD BOUTROS,

FOREIGN OFFICE SECRETARY GENERAL, DIRECT OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS,
DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH, CHIEF OF PROTOCOL.

12:35

PRESS PROCEEDS TO HOLDING AREA (ANOTHER CONFERENCE ROOM IN
PALACE). THOSE WHO WISH TO FILE WILL BE TRANSPORTED TO AMERICAN
EMBASSY RESIDENCE AT YARZE (WHERE LUNCH WILL BE SERVED),
ARRIVING AT 12:40.

13:15

SECRETARY VANCE, FONMIN BOUTROS AND AMBASSADOR PARKER WITHDRAW
FROM PLENARY SESSION TO MEET WITH PRESIDENT SARKIS. PHOTO
OPPORTUNITY WHEN SHAKING HANDS IN PRESIDENT'S OFFICE.

14:00

REST OF PRESS DEPARTS FOR AMERICAN RESIDENCE AT YARZE, WITH
EXCEPTION OF POOL FOR PHOTO OPPORTUNITY BEFORE LUNCH IN
PRESIDENT'S PRIVATE QUARTERS.

14:05

POOL MEMBERS PROCEED UPSTAIRS FOR PHOTO OPPORTUNITY IN
SALON (APERITIFS) AND DINING ROOM.
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14:10 POOL DEPARTS FOR AMERICAN EMBASSY RESIDENCE AT YARZE,
ARRIVING AT 14:15.

15:00

ALL MEMBERS OF TRAVELING PRESS DEPART FOR PRESIDENTIAL PALACE,
ARRIVING AT 15:05.

15:15

SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH PRESS. USIS WILL ALSO HAVE
REPRODUCED SECRETARY'S STATEMENT (AND ARABIC VERSION) FOR
DISTRIBUTION TO PRESS, IF PROVIDED BY PARTY.

15:25 PROCEED TO PRESS BUS FOR IMMEDIATE DEPARTURE.

15:30 MOTORCADE LEAVES FOR AIRPORT.

15:50 ARRIVAL AT AIRPORT. PHOTO OPPORTUNITY.

15:55 PROCEED TO AIRCRAFT.

16:00 WHEELS UP.

2. FILING ARRANGEMENTS: LEBANESE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION
WILL INSTALL TWO TELEX MACHINES AND TWO INTERNATIONAL PHONE
LINES AT AMERICAN EMBASSY RESIDENCE, AS THEY DID LAST
FEBRUARY. HOWEVER, SINCE MOST LEBANESE COMMUNICATION
FACILITIES STILL FAR FROM BEING FULLY OPERATIVE, TECHNICAL
DIFFICULTIES MAY ARISE. THIS IS WHY RESIDENT COUNTERPARTS
OF TRAVELING PRESS HAVE BEEN INVITED TO JOIN THEM AT YARZE
FOR LUNCH AND FOR ASSISTANCE IN FILING AND SHIPPING THROUGH
THEIR BEIRUT BUREAUS.
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